Construction of Railway Line running *via* Chickmagalur, etc.

*Q.—171. Smt. B. L. SUBBAMMA (Chickmagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have recommended to the Central Government for the construction of a railway line running *via* Chikmagalur, Mudigere Saklespura, linking Hassan-Mangalore railway line ;

(*b*) if so, when ?

A.—Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO [Parliamentary Secretary (on behalf, of Minister for Public Works)].—

(*a*) A proposal has been made to the Central Government to construct a railway line from Harihar to join Hassan-Mangalore line, at Mudabidri, or nearby, *via* Shimoga, Bhadravathi and Chikmagalur.

(*b*) On 4th January 1965.

ಶ್ರೀ ಮತಿ ಬಿ. ಎಲ್. ಸುಬ್ಬಮ್ಮ.—ಈ ರೈಲುವೆ ಮಾರ್ಗ ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯವಾದುದು, ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ಅದುರು, ಉತ್ಕೃಷ್ಟವಾದ ವರ ಮುಂತಾದ್ದೇನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ದೊರೆಯುತ್ತದೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಸಾಗಿಸಲು ಇದರಿಂದ ಅವಕಾಶವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಜ್ಞರು ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರದವರು ಇದನ್ನು ನಾಲ್ಕನೆಯ ಪಂಚವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗತಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ಒತ್ತಾಯಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಿ. ಶಂಕರರಾವ್.—ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿಯೇ ಈ ಲೈನನ್ನು ನಾಲ್ಕನೆ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಶಿಫಾರ್ಸು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Irrigation of land under the Left Bank Canal of Tungabhadra Canal.

*Q.—183. Sri S. RUDRAPPA (Kalgi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total acreage to be brought under irrigation under Left Bank Canal of Tungabhadra Canal in Raichur District ;

(*b*) the total acreage actually brought under irrigation in Raichur District particularly in Sindhanur Taluk ;

(*c*) the total amount being spent every year on Special Officers appointed in Raichur District for the purpose of intensifying the scheme of more land under irrigation ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Development, Panchayathi Raj and Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) 5.80 lakh acres.

(*b*) Raichur District : 2,50,132 acres.
Sindhanur Taluk : 1,45,668 acres.

(*c*) Rs. 15,528-13 during 1964-65 towards salaries.

Sri S. RUDRAPPA.—Is there any special scheme before the Government to help the cultivators of Sindnoor to bring more land under irrigation ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—That is included in the Development scheme itself which is augmented recently. Government has constituted an advisory board with M.Ps. and M.L.As ; and so far as development is concerned, for the last two years, there is good deal of development of this area. An area of 2,50,132 acres. But the PWD has created an irrigational potential over an area of 3 lakhs of acres. That will be covered in a short period.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Sir, nearly 2 lakhs of acres are still to be brought under irrigation. May I know by what period this will be covered ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—On account of the necessity for food production, Government is seriously considering bringing this area into operation as early as possible. As such they are trying their level best. On account of certain difficulties in this area, specially, scarcity of agricultural labour, insufficiency of cattle wealth, existence of large holdings, lack of communications, lack of finances, and generally the backwardness of the tract, are the main obstacles. So far as finances are concerned, Government is financing this year in order to fulfil the target.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಬನವರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿ.—ಸಿಂಧನೂರು ಏರಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ನೀರಾವರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸಹಾಯವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಒಂದು ಫಾರಂ ಮಾಡ ಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಅಲೋಚನೆ ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕಿದ್ದುದು ಏನಾಗಿದೆ ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is still under consideration and pursuance.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—What is the total acreage brought under irrigation in this area during the four years of the Third Plan ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—I think the break-up is not given here.

Supply of Water for Irrigation purposes.

*Q.—216. Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Hebbur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in a number of cases water is not being supplied to the ryots for irrigation purposes on a permanent basis in Tumkur Taluk though water rate is being paid by the people for more than 20 years ;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the hardships caused to such ryots ;

(*c*) whether they would take action at least now to see that water is supplied on a permanent basis to all the ryots who have been paying provisional water-rate for more than 5 years including those who have made payments on T. T. Complaints ?